



**INFORMATION UPDATE FOR WHOLESALE CUSTOMERS**

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## Seattle Water Supply Indicators

January, 2008

<b>Water Storage</b>	
<b>Reservoir Inflows</b>	
<b>Snowpack</b>	
<b>Customer Use</b>	
<b>Overall</b>	
Good     Fair     Poor	

For more information, visit [www.savingwater.org](http://www.savingwater.org)

### Taste and Odor

The taste and odor panel is meeting bi-weekly. Samples are rated on a scale from 1 to 9, with 1 representing the best and 9 representing the worst. The taste and odor flavor rating assessment (FRA) for the Cedar supply (Lake Youngs treated) sample in January was 1.8. The Tolt supply result was 1.3. If you would like to receive a bi-weekly update of the taste and odor panel results, please e-mail Moya Joubert at [moya.joubert@seattle.gov](mailto:moya.joubert@seattle.gov).



## Conservation Technical Forum

On the web at <http://www.savingwater.org>

### RESIDENTIAL INDOOR

#### New "Look" for WashWise Rebate Program

The WashWise program has some new point-of-purchase (POP) materials being distributed to local retailers for 2008, reflecting the new partners from Tacoma Water and Tacoma Power, and the City of Renton. Look for these new product clings, posters and rebate forms beginning this week.

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## Water Quality Technical Forum Report

### Chlorine Residual and Coliform Data

There were no positive coliform samples from the purveyor area during January 2008. Average chlorine residual concentrations in the purveyor distribution systems ranged from 0.70 to 1.20 mg/L, with an overall average of 0.98 mg/L. The chlorine residual targets at both the Tolt Treatment Facility and Cedar Water Treatment Facility are 1.5 mg/L. The number of samples with chlorine less than 0.2 mg/L was nine in January (out of 825 samples).

### Multifamily Properties Wanted for Phase II of S.H.A.R.P

Staff is completing the planning stage of phase II of the Showerhead & Aerator Replacement Program (S.H.A.R.P). The second part of the program will distribute these to multifamily property owners and condominium associations throughout the SWP service territory. Much like the single family program, we are continuing the partnership with PSE, SCL, and CWA. This will help obtain maximum savings with minimum cost. CONTACT: Arece Hampton (206) 733-9137



### Large Customer for Multifamily Toilet Rebate Program

Free toilets are being provided for a low-income housing project in King County Water District #20, Lara Lake, operated by King County Housing Authority. More than 250 toilets will be replaced, along with showerheads and aerators for this project that was saved from demolition by local public and non-profit low income housing group advocates.

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### RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPE

## savvy gardener

### Savvy Gardener Classes Start this Month

Savvy Gardener classes typically start in spring. However, this year, we will test customer interest in a winter class at Swanson's Nursery. The class is designed to appeal to the growing number of gardeners seeking year 'round color. Gardeners will learn to choose plants that save water in the long-run. Spring classes at nurseries have also been finalized. Each will use different hooks to pull in gardening customers while explaining water conserving practices. Teachers will show plant combinations for varying sun, soil and shade conditions, steps to make the most of rainwater and key practices for lush, chemical-free lawns. For information about the winter class, see: [www.savingwater.org/education\\_classes.htm#savvy](http://www.savingwater.org/education_classes.htm#savvy)

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### New Water Efficient Irrigation Program Rebate Amounts in 2008

In 2008, SWP's Water Efficient Irrigation Program will continue to promote the installation of "smart" sprinkler controllers, which use weather or soil moisture data to continually update the watering schedule. Since many customers do not change their watering schedules to track changes



in the weather, or do so only occasionally, smart controllers can significantly reduce water use. In fact, field tests demonstrate that they cut water use by up to 30 percent.

In order to encourage the use of "smart" controllers, the SWP has reduced the rebate on traditional "conservation" controllers (which need to be manually adjusted), to a flat \$50. Smart controller rebates start at \$150 for a system with up to six zones, and increase \$50 for each additional six zones. Customers get an additional \$75 if they add a rain sensor or an on-site weather station to their smart controller. Customers who just want to add a rain sensor to their system are eligible for a \$75 rebate.

The 2008 rebate amounts on smart controllers and rain sensors have been reduced slightly: from \$200 to \$150 for a six-zone smart controller and from \$100 to \$75 on rain sensors. The new rebate amounts reflect the decreasing cost of these technologies, and will still cover about one half of the cost of the hardware and its installation. For application forms and details on all of the residential and commercial irrigation rebates, please visit: [www.savingwater.org/outside\\_sprinklers.htm](http://www.savingwater.org/outside_sprinklers.htm).

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## COMMERCIAL WATER CONSERVATION

### **New Efficient Cooling Tower Technology to Be Installed in Bothell Facility**

The Seattle Times Production facility in Bothell recently submitted a Water Smart Technology Program application to install a new non-chemical, zero-blowdown cooling tower water treatment system. The system virtually eliminates water loss outside of evaporation, and mostly eliminates chemical use in the cooling tower. This new technology has been installed in a few buildings in Seattle, including the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.

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## YOUTH EDUCATION

### **Partnership for Water Conservation Convenes Youth Education Working Group**

Representatives from throughout the Puget Sound region came together to explore opportunities for the development of a collaborative youth education plan. The meeting focused on identifying regional water conservation goals for youth audiences and discussing existing youth education programs. There is a high level of interest and enthusiasm around moving this collective effort forward and the group will be meeting at the end of February to further define their goals and determine appropriate next steps toward implementation.

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